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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**James E. Vallee**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Increasing the Number of Massachusetts appointees to the National Commission to Create Uniform State Laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James E. Vallee	10th Norfolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MASSACHUSETTS APPOINTEES TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION TO CREATE UNIFORM STATE LAWS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 26, as  
appearing in the 2005 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 26. "There shall be a board of commissioners on uniform state laws, consisting of seven  
members: one Member of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President; one Member of the House of  
Representatives, appointed by the Speaker; three additional members appointed by the Governor; the  
Secretary of State or a designee of the Secretary of State; and the Attorney General or a designee of the  
Attorney General. Provided further, any person, not otherwise a member of the commission, elected as  
life member of the National Conference of Commissioner on Uniform State Laws based upon service as a  
member of the commission shall serve on the board of commissioners.

The Members of the Legislature appointed to the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing  
Authority and shall participate in the activities of the commission to the extent that the participation is not  
incompatible with their respective positions as member of the Legislature.

(a) A commissioner must be eligible to practice law in the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to  
be appointed.

(b) A commissioner appointed pursuant to subsection (b) shall serve a term of five years beginning  
from the date of appointment.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by striking out section 27, as appearing in the  
2005 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 27. The commissioners shall: Represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the  
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and attend its annual meeting;

- 21 (a) Examine subjects upon which uniformity of legislation in the various states of the United  
22 States is desirable and practicable.
- 23 (b) Confer upon these matters with the commissioners appointed by the others states for the same  
24 purpose in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws;
- 25 (c) Consider and draft uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption by the several  
26 states;
- 27 (d) Devise and recommend such other or further course of action as may tend to accomplish such  
28 purposes; and
- 29 (e) Maintain a record of their doings and make an annual report to the governor, the legislature,  
30 the secretary of state, and the attorney general.